

**Washington State Association of County Engineers
Professional Development Conference**

**Law School for Engineers
January 31, 2007 - February 2, 2007**

Day 1

Wednesday January 31, 2007

NOON-12:15p	Introduction
12:15p- 2:00p	Fundamentals of the Law and Legal System
2:00p - 2:15p	Break
2:15p - 2:45p	Intentional Torts
2:45p - 3:15p	Defenses to Intentional Torts
3:15p- 3:30p	Break
3:30p - 5:00p	Negligence
5:30p - 6:30p	Reception
6:30p	Dinner Provided

Day 2

Thursday, February 1, 2007

7:00a - 8:00a	Breakfast Provided
8:00a - 8:30a	Defenses To Negligence
8:30a - 9:15a	Workers' Compensation
9:15a - 9:30a	Break
9:30a - 10:30a	Liability Insurance
10:30a - 10:45a	Break
10:45a -11:30a	Anatomy of Lawsuit
11:30a - NOON	Jurisdiction and Venue
NOON - 1:00p	Lunch Provided
1:00p - 2:15p	The Discovery Process
1:15p - 1:30p	Break
1:30p - 2:45p	Anatomy of a Civil Trial
2:45p - 3:00p	Break
3:00p - 4:00p	Relevancy and Unfair Prejudice
4: 00p - 5:00p	Bar Examination (Covers Chapter 1-11 Only)
5:30p - 6:30p	Reception
6:30p	Dinner Provided

Day 3

Friday February 2, 2007

7:00a - 7:30a	Breakfast Provided
7:30a - 8:00a	Hearsay and Its Exceptions
8:00a - 9:15a	Expert Testimony and Impeachment
9:15a - 9:30a	Break
9:30a - 11:30a	Mock Trial Demonstration

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Law School for Engineers

The law affects every aspect of your profession and personal life. In order to succeed you must have an advanced knowledge of the law and the American legal system. *Law School for Engineers* has been specially designed for engineers to give you this knowledge. It will teach you how to read, think, speak, and analyze like a lawyer. At the completion of the course you will be much better able to understand and deal with attorneys and legal issues.

Law School for Engineers will be taught like actual law school. You will be actively involved in the learning process, which features numerous case examples dealing with issues facing civil engineers. You will be provided with materials to review before you even step into the course. You will have a chance to get your legal questions answered, interpret case, statutory and administrative law, object to evidence, and examine witnesses. There will be an optional, multiple choice bar examination and a prize will be provided to the top scorer on the examination. This examination has been modeled after the actual Multi-State Bar Examination which is taken by every prospective attorney. The course concludes with a mock trial in which you will have the opportunity to participate as a part of a legal team, as a witness or as a member of the jury.

TOPICS COVERED

- How to analyze and interpret the law
- The legal elements of and defenses to a negligence action
- How to think and speak like a lawyer
- The anatomy of a lawsuit, including: complaints, answers, motions, summary judgment, remedies, and appeals
- Your rights and obligations under liability insurance contracts
- The discovery process, including: depositions, interrogatories, entry upon land, subpoenas duces tecum, and requests for production of documents

- The anatomy of a civil trial, including: the role of the judge and jury, opening statements, burdens of proof and persuasion, summation, directed verdicts, judgments notwithstanding the verdicts, jury deliberation and decision and judgments
- The key rules of evidence
- The legal rules effecting the testimony and cross-examination of civil engineers who serve as expert witnesses
- The rights and immunities created under workers' compensation laws

SEMINAR BENEFITS

- Better understand the legal system and the interrelationship of various types of law
- Learn substantive law of torts, civil procedure, evidence and insurance.
- Understand how to more effectively deal with attorneys
- Understand exactly how a law suit works and the rules the attorneys must follow
- Learn the legal rules that will make you a more effective expert witness